

Testimony Outline

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Broadband speed/capacity

A modest, and reasonable goal:

To have connectivity in Vermont, at a minimum equal, and preferably better, than that available in most of the United States.

Some Facts:

PC Magazine (8/24/14): lists 24 Cities with available gigabit service

arstechnica.com (9/22/13): where you can move to get gigabit service

Wall Street Journal (7/24/14): Comcast running fiber to the home in some areas to compete w/Google &AT&T. Also working on "gigasphere" cable.

Software (app) developers will always use the full capacity of existing hardware.

Conclusions:

A target of 100/100 ten years from now almost assuredly will have Vermont way behind.

Spending money now on technology incapable of achieving gigabit+ is wasting money.

Municipal Telecom

Cheaper cost of capital

Lean organization

Local control